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10 The interview of ADAM M. MURPHY,
11 was taken by NICK W. DIGIOVANNI, C.S.R., pursuant to
12 the applicable provisions of the Municipal Code of
13 the City of Chicago and the City of Chicago
14 Personnel Rules, at 300 West Adams Street, in the
15 City of Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, commencing
16 at approximately 11:10 o'clock a.m. on the 24th day
17 of June, of the year 2016.

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1 MR. BROWN: Let the record reflect today's
2 date is June 24, 2016. The time is 11:09 a.m. We
3 are located at Amicus Court Reporters, 300 West
4 Adams, suite 800, Chicago, Illinois.

5 My name is Kristopher Brown. The
6 court reporter is Nick DiGiovanni, and I'd ask the
7 other individuals who are present to identify
8 themselves and spell their last name for the record.

9 MS. ANSARI: Sarah Ansari, A-n-s-a-r-i, the
10 Office of the Inspector General?

11 THE WITNESS: Investigator Murphy,
12 M-u-r-p-h-y, Cook County Sheriff's Police.

13 MR. BROWN: There are no other individuals
14 present.

15 We are here today pursuant to an
16 investigation being conducted under Chapter 2-56 of
17 the Municipal Code of the City of Chicago. We're
18 here for the interview of Cook County Sheriff
19 Investigator Adam Murphy.

20 Investigator Murphy, would you
21 please raise your right hand, and the court reporter
22 will then swear you in.

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24 (Witness sworn.)

1 MR. BROWN: Q **INTERVIEW OF ADAM M. MURPHY**, is it
2 okay to call you Adam?

3 THE WITNESS: Yeah, absolutely.

4 MR. BROWN: Thank you, Adam.

5 We'll start off with background
6 type questions, and then we'll get in to the actual
7 night.

8 THE WITNESS: Okay.

9 MR. BROWN: All right.

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11 ADAM M. MURPHY,
12 called as a witness herein, having been first duly
13 sworn, was examined upon oral interrogatories, and
14 testified as follows:

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EXAMINATION

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by Mr. Brown:

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18 Q Adam, can you give us your full name,
19 your star number and your current unit of
20 assignment?

21 A Adam Murphy, A-d-a-m, M-u-r-p-h-y; star
22 566; Cook County Sheriff's Police Department
23 assigned to the central intelligence division

24 | 0 How long have you maintained that

1 assignment? **INTERVIEW OF ADAM M. MURPHY**

2 A That's only been for three months.

3 Q What did you do prior to this
4 assignment?

5 A Prior to that I was with the street
6 crime suppression unit.

7 Q How long were you doing that
8 assignment?

9 A Two years.

10 Q Okay. Two years.

11 When you were with the street
12 crime suppression unit were you still an
13 investigator or were you an officer then?

14 A Investigator.

15 Q What did you do prior to the street
16 crime suppression unit?

17 A I was on patrol.

18 Q Were you an officer then?

19 A Yes, officer.

20 Q Got you.

21 How long were you an officer?

22 A At that time, five years.

23 Q Five years?

24 A Yes.

1 Q ~~INTERVIEW OF ADAM M. MURPHY~~
SO about 2009?

2 A 2008 is when I started, yeah.

3 Q Got you.

4 When did you start with Cook
5 County?

6 A In 2006. I started as a correctional
7 officer at 26 and Cal.

8 Q Then you went from officer and then to
9 investigator?

10 A Yes, correct.

11 Q All right. What was your unit of
12 assignment on October 20, 2014?

13 A I was a patrol officer.

14 Q What watch were you on that day?

15 A The third watch they call it -- or
16 actually -- I'm sorry.

17 They call it the first watch --
18 the overnight midnight shift.

19 Q Did that shift start at 9:00 p.m.?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Do you recall what your chain of
22 command was back on October 20, 2014?

23 A Yes.

24 Q Just who was your immediate supervisor?

1 A That night it was Sergeant Dwyer.

2 Q Sergeant Dwyer?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Adam, did you review any documentation
5 in preparation for your interview today?

6 A I did not.

7 Q Now we're going to talk about the
8 events of October 20, 2014, and we'd like you to
9 detail us on what happened that night starting off
10 with when you first became aware of an incident
11 occurring, how were you informed of it, and then
12 your steps to get to the scene; and Sarah and I will
13 follow up with questions as you kind of go through
14 the details.

15 A Okay. I'm not really sure what time it
16 was. I believe at the intersection of Cicero Avenue
17 and Archer I saw several Chicago police units
18 running code or going with their lights and sirens.
19 I decided I'd follow them to see where they were
20 going.

21 I think we wound up -- we went
22 down to 147th I believe -- not 147th. Just 47th.
23 I believe we went eastbound and we zig-zagged a
24 couple streets and came out in the Pershing area.

1 **INTERVIEW OF ADAM M. MURPHY** Once we arrived there were
2 several cars parked. I pulled behind on the
3 right-hand shoulder of northbound Pershing I think
4 it was -- Pershing goes the other way.

5 MS. ANSARI: Pulaski?

6 THE WITNESS: A Northbound Pulaski. I
7 pulled behind another squad car. I got out of the
8 car, and I just walked up to the scene to see what
9 happened.

10 MR. BROWN: Q Okay. Do you recall any of
11 the landmarks that were there that night that you
12 might have parked near?

13 A NO.

14 I know that when we talked to the
15 FBI we were parked in front -- or just south of the
16 Dunkin Donuts.

17 Q South of the Dunkin Donuts is where you
18 parked?

19 A Yeah, right in that vicinity there.

20 Q You see the officers with their lights
21 and sirens. You decide to follow them?

22 A Correct.

23 Q Is that just like an inter-governmental
24 courtesy? Like if you see lights and sirens, you

1 offer assistance and they would do the same?

2 A Yes.

3 Q Is there any like policy or any --
4 anything dictated that says like you need to do this
5 or you need to do that?

6 A I don't believe there's an actual
7 policy that says you must do it. I think it's a
8 courtesy that officers -- if they need assistance,
9 you usually go and lend a hand.

10 Q Had you heard anything on the radio
11 frequencies prior to seeing the officers traveling?

12 A No.

13 I only monitored our own band. I
14 don't monitor any other bands. We don't have any
15 capability like that.

16 Q Okay. I didn't know if there were
17 shared bands.

18 A No. Sometimes I wish.

19 Q You see the officers. You follow to
20 provide assistance. You get to Pulaski. Park
21 roughly near the Dunkin Donuts. What do you do
22 after that?

23 A At that time I get out of the car. I
24 go up. I see several Chicago officers. Some were

1 standing around. Others were walking up to them.

2 And then I see a subject laying on the pavement.

3 Q Was the subject who you have come to
4 learn was Laquan McDonald?

5 A Yes.

6 Q So you see -- you see the CPD officers.
7 You see McDonald. Do you speak to any of the CPD
8 officers there?

9 A Yeah. I asked what happened, is
10 everybody okay; and that was it.

11 Q Do you recall any specific
12 conversations with any of them?

13 A No. That was the thing. Everybody was
14 just kind of talking to themselves.

15 You're an outside agency. So
16 they don't really want to talk to you. You just go
17 there and say, you know, you guys need help, you
18 know, is everything okay; and they say oh, yeah, can
19 you do this or this. Usually they're kind of like,
20 no, we're good.

21 Q In this instance that was the case?
22 You were asking if they needed assistance and they
23 were saying they were good?

24 A Not at that time. At that time

1 everybody was just standing there. Nobody really
2 answered me if they needed help or not.

3 Q Is that typical?

4 A Sometimes it is. With Chicago it is.
5 When they have several things going on they don't
6 like to talk to other people.

7 Q I hear you. I hear you.

8 You speak to a couple officers
9 just to kind of ask them how they're doing. It
10 sounds like they didn't really give responses to
11 you?

12 A Correct.

13 Q Then you proceed to go to, I guess,
14 look at Mr. McDonald?

15 A Correct.

16 Q What do you do when you get to Mr.
17 McDonald?

18 A When I go up there I see that there's
19 blood all over the pavement. He was kind of
20 gurgling when he was sitting there. I remember his
21 mouth was going open and closed like he was trying
22 to gasp for air.

23 And I looked for everybody else,
24 and they were kind of standing there. I just

1 **INTERVIEW OF ADAM M. MURPHY**
1 started taking my gloves -- my rubber gloves out to
2 check for a pulse and to see if I could render aid.

3 Q Did you do that? You did take out your
4 gloves and check for the pulse?

5 A This is where I don't remember too
6 closely. I know I got down next to him. I remember
7 seeing him kind of go lifeless.

8 I don't remember if I actually
9 reached out and grabbed on to him, but I know I was
10 right next to him. I heard somebody say that the
11 ambulance was in route. So I was letting Laquan
12 McDonald know to hang in there, that the ambulance
13 is coming, you know, they'll be here soon.

14 Q At any point when you were talking to
15 Mr. McDonald did he respond back to you?

16 A No. He was just like -- again, he was
17 just opening and closing his mouth trying to gasp
18 for air.

19 Q Were there any other CPD officers, I
20 guess, assisting you in trying to provide aid or
21 comfort to Mr. McDonald?

22 A No.

23 Q Did you see anyone else with a -- like
24 you mentioned you put gloves on.

1 A Correct.

2 Q Did anybody else have any gloves on?

3 A Not that I can recall. Not that I
4 remember.

5 Q Before you walked up to McDonald was
6 there any other CPD officers monitoring him or
7 looking at him?

8 A No. They were just standing around.
9 They were just standing there. Nobody was going up
10 to him.

11 That's why I felt that I needed
12 to go up to him.

13 Q Right. How long were you next to Mr.
14 McDonald, if you could estimate?

15 A Not that long. Maybe less than a
16 minute before he expired.

17 Q Got you. Okay.

18 So after he expires I'm guessing
19 you get up?

20 A I did.

21 Q Did you then go and speak to anyone
22 else?

23 A I did.

24 At that time Jeff Pasqua -- who

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1 you guys interviewed yesterday. He was on scene. I
2 talked with him, and he was talking to another
3 officer that was there.

4 I don't remember who exactly I
5 found out from that it was an actual shooting, but
6 then the guy who -- I guess Jason Van Dyke is his
7 name now. I saw him pacing back and forth in front
8 of his car, his police car.

9 I know from previous training
10 that during a shooting situation your heart rate
11 spikes. Your blood pressure spikes. There's a
12 potential that you can pass out. There's a
13 potential of harm to yourself.

14 I simply went over to him. I saw
15 him pacing back and forth. I just told him to sit
16 down in the car. I heard several officers telling
17 him call your union rep, call your union rep.

18 I told him whatever you got to do
19 you can do, but sit down and do it because it's not
20 good for you to keep walking around. So I made him
21 sit down in the passenger seat of whatever squad was
22 sitting right there.

23 Q When you saw the officers speaking to
24 Van Dyke telling him to call his union rep do you

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1 recall any specific officers that did that?

2 A No. I just heard it.

3 If I remember correctly, I think
4 I was the only one next to Jason Van Dyke at the
5 time. I heard the voices. I remember there was a
6 couple different voices saying call your union rep,
7 call your union rep.

8 Q **They were generally just calling out?**

9 A Yeah, call your union rep, hey, man,
10 call your union rep.

11 Q **Was it clear to you at that time that**
12 **Mr. Van Dyke was involved in the shooting?**

13 A Yes.

14 Q **Had anyone told you that or did you**
15 **instinctively feel this is what happened here?**

16 A Yeah. I don't remember if somebody
17 said it was a shooting or what happened or how it
18 happened, but I remember seeing him and somehow it
19 pointed to him. I don't know if I made that
20 inference or if somebody actually told me. I just
21 knew it was him because he was walking back and
22 forth in front of his squad car.

23 Q **Other than hearing other people speak**
24 **out to Van Dyke to call his union rep did you hear**

1 any other comments that were directed towards Mr.

2 Van Dyke?

3 A No. I don't remember.

4 Q Do you recall ever seeing anyone come
5 up to him and speaking to him?

6 A Yeah. There was another officer that
7 came up and spoke with him. I think he went and
8 spoke with a sergeant when they came on scene. But
9 that's all I remember.

10 Q Were you able to hear any of that
11 conversation?

12 A No, nothing.

13 Q Got you.

14 Okay. You yourself told Mr. Van
15 Dyke, because of your training, it might be best for
16 you to go sit in your vehicle?

17 A Right. Sit down, relax.

18 I think I told him to drink some
19 water, and I told him to sit there until the
20 sergeant showed up; and I turned around and left
21 once he was sitting down and everything -- once the
22 sergeant came I remember he tried to stand up. He
23 stood up to go talk to him. That's when I left the
24 scene.

1 Q Was Van Dyke responsive to you at all?

2 A A little bit.

3 He did sit down. I told him to
4 relax, you're all right, sit down. I tried to
5 comfort him and got him to sit down because your
6 blood pressure spikes in shooting situations like
7 that, like I said.

8 Q When he went to sit down was he by
9 himself?

10 A Yes.

11 Q No one else was in his cruiser?

12 A You know what, I don't think so. I
13 think he was by himself.

14 I made him sit in the passenger's
15 seat of whatever squad was there. I don't know if
16 it was an SUV or what.

17 Q Did Van Dyke ever respond to you with
18 any sentences or anything?

19 A Not that I remember.

20 Q It did appear he understood what you
21 were saying as he walked towards his vehicle?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Did he ever say thank you or anything
24 to that effect?

1 A No. I think he was just in shock at
2 that time.

3 Q Okay. If you could estimate how long
4 this process was where you were talking to him and
5 then he comes back to his car. How long did that
6 take?

7 A That was another minute, maybe two
8 minutes. It wasn't that much.

9 Q Okay. And just -- I'm pretty sure I
10 know the answer, but I just want to make sure.

11 By the time you get to the scene
12 everything had already occurred, correct?

13 A Correct.

14 I didn't even find out that he
15 shot that many times until, you know, Jeff had sent
16 me the article in January of this last year. I had
17 no clue. I just thought it was a regular shooting.
18 I had no clue.

19 Q Did you hear any shots while you were
20 inbound to the scene?

21 A No.

22 Q So it's all done before you got there?

23 A It was done before I got there.

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You said there was a number of
2 officers on the scene before you got there?

3 A Correct, yeah.

4 They had started -- the officers
5 that I was following once we got there they had
6 started -- everybody started like blocking off the
7 streets and everything like that, and everybody just
8 started filing in from both sides. I remember them
9 coming from the north and the south. There was just
10 cars that kept coming.

11 Q After you spoke to Van Dyke to inform
12 him it might be a good idea to come and sit in his
13 squad car what did you do after that?

14 A After that, like I said, I told him to
15 sit down, maybe drink some water or something; and
16 once a sergeant got there I left. I went back and I
17 started talking to Jeff. And Jeff had a friend, I
18 guess, that he knew on the department. So I talked
19 to him, met him, and then after that we left.

20 Q What was that conversation like with
21 Jeff?

22 A He was just, hey, this is my buddy from
23 college. I don't even remember what his name is.

24 I go, hey, nice to meet you,

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1 blah, blah, blah. He was Jeff's training officer.
2 So he said this guy is the one that trained me,
3 blah, blah, blah; and we talked about some nonsense,
4 and that was it.

5 Q Was there any conversation related to
6 the shooting of Mr. McDonald?

7 A No, no. Nothing.

8 Q Okay. And when I say that I mean
9 between either yourself and officer Pasqua or
10 yourself and the other CPD officer that was speaking
11 with Officer Pasqua.

12 A Just, man, this is messed up, this is,
13 you know, gruesome kind of thing.

14 It wasn't anything about what had
15 happened. The guy that showed up showed up way
16 after we did. So I know he wasn't there for it. I
17 wasn't there and neither was Jeff. Jeff came up
18 behind me.

19 Q You arrived on the scene first, then
20 Jeff?

21 A I think Jeff said, when he saw me
22 going, he just jumped in and followed me.

23 Q On your way to the scene you pass Jeff.
24 He was doing something?

1 A Yeah, I think he was down at Cicero and
2 47th when he saw me. I think he jumped in and
3 followed me.

4 Q You didn't radio him and say come to
5 the scene, I heard a shooting or something like
6 that?

7 A No.:

8 Q Do you recall who made the comment
9 about this was a gruesome and such and such? Was it
10 Jeff or was it the CPD officer?

11 A No. I think it was Jeff. Yeah, I
12 think it was Jeff.

22 MS. ANSARI: You mean messed up just because
23 someone passed away?

24 THE WITNESS: Right.

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1 MS. ANSARI: Not the actual action of how he
2 got shot because at that point you didn't know?

3 THE WITNESS: At that point I had no clue. I
4 didn't know there was 15 shots or 16 shots. I
5 didn't know anything about the case.

6 I knew there was a shooting. Van
7 Dyke was pacing back and forth. I assumed he was
8 the shooter at that time. I talked to him and that
9 was it.

10 MS. ANSARI: Did you have any conversations
11 about -- about you being the only person to actually
12 approach McDonald?

13 He was still alive when you got
14 there and no one else was offering any kind of
15 comfort to him except for you. Did you talk to
16 anyone about that? What is your opinion on that?

17 THE WITNESS: I know from previous trainings
18 and previous conversations with people that lawsuits
19 come in to play when you fail to act, your failure
20 to render aid. I remember there was like a -- there
21 was a case that I remember -- I think it was in
22 Florida. It was an officer that -- there was a
23 drowning victim, a person drowning. The officer
24 stood by because that officer I guess couldn't swim.

1 So they didn't go in to the ocean to save this kid.

2 And I remember he got a lawsuit,
3 and then that's what came up, the failure to render
4 aid no matter what. It was a suspect they were
5 chasing that jumped in to the ocean.

6 I remember that case, and from
7 then on anything that happens the cops are to render
8 aid. So if I saw nobody was there, I'd go over to
9 the scene so that I didn't get in trouble for not
10 rendering aid.

11 MS. ANSARI: Is that a Cook County -- is that
12 actually like a policy in Cook County for the Cook
13 County Sheriff that you must render aid?

14 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure if it's
15 actually -- if it's an actual policy of the Cook
16 County Sheriff's Office. I just know that that's a
17 personal policy, seek to render aid first and help
18 somebody before anything else.

19 MS. ANSARI: Do you know -- are you familiar
20 with if there's any CPD policies or other police --
21 do you know if there's like policies not to render
22 aid because they don't want you to do something
23 medically incorrect?

24 THE WITNESS: That I don't know. I don't

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1 know if anybody -- I'm not sure if any other
2 departments or anything have that same thing.

3 I just know, like I said, if I
4 can offer assistance, even if it's just to offer a
5 little comfort or whatever, I'll offer whatever I
6 can do.

7 MS. ANSARI: And what's your opinion on how
8 it went down at the scene?

9 THE WITNESS: Like you were saying before,
10 you don't know if that's their policy or not. I
11 didn't think anything of it. It could be their
12 policy not to render any aid. I don't know what
13 their policy is on their end.

14 I saw nobody doing it. So I
15 figure I would get down and see if I could offer
16 some kind of assistance.

17 MS. ANSARI: Okay.

18 MR. BROWN: Q So I think you were telling us
19 that you spoke with Jeff while you were still on the
20 scene?

21 THE WITNESS: A Um-hum.

22 Q His friend who was there, the CPD
23 officer --

24 A Um-hum.

1 Q -- Do you recall any of that
2 conversation or if there was a conversation there?

3 A Like I said, I don't remember the exact
4 words. I just know that it was just simple, hey,
5 how you doing, this is my friend from college -- or
6 whatever, however he knows the guy -- and then I met
7 him and he goes, you know, he lives by me or
8 something like that.

9 So it wasn't anything about the
10 case. It was just small talk about I just meeting
11 him.

12 Q Got you.

13 Did you know or recognize any of
14 the officers that were on scene?

15 A No, I did not.

16 Q And when you pulled up you were in a
17 marked sheriff's office vehicle, right?

18 A Unmarked.

19 Q Oh, it was an unmarked vehicle?

20 A Yeah, plain white Ford interceptor.

21 Q Got you.

22 Okay. While you were on the
23 scene do you recall if you spoke with any
24 detectives?

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1 A ~~INTERVIEW OF ADAM M. MURPHY~~ No, I did not talk to anybody else.

2 Q Okay.

3 MS. ANSARI: Did you see detectives on the
4 scene? Were they starting to arrive while you were
5 there?

6 THE WITNESS: There was a load of officers
7 and everybody coming on scene. That's when I
8 decided to back off.

9 I know that the fire personnel
10 had come. I didn't want to get boxed in. Because
11 they started putting the tape around the scene. So
12 once they did that I didn't want my car to get stuck
13 in and not being able to leave; and that's when I
14 told Jeff we probably should get out of here, and we
15 left.

16 MR. BROWN: Q That was a quick conversation
17 between you, Jeff and his friend that happened?

18 THE WITNESS: A Yes.

19 Q Can you estimate how long you were on
20 the scene?

21 A I think it was 11 minutes. I think --
22 once everything came out, the dash cam video and
23 then the time that I went 10/8 on the radio, I think
24 it was like 11 total.

1 Q Just for the rest of us, can you
2 explain what the 10/8 refers to?

3 A Going clear from the scene, being back
4 in service.

5 Q Had you made a radio notification that
6 you were approaching the scene to offer assistance?

7 A Yes.

8 Q What does that -- what does that
9 include?

10 A I just notified our dispatch that I was
11 out with several CPD units.

12 Q Got you. Okay.

13 And once you're done with the
14 scene, if it's a 10/8 does that require you to file
15 any paperwork or to author any reports related to
16 your observation?

17 A So I went 10/8, and then you're
18 supposed to give a disposition code.

19 At that time CPD had the scene.
20 I just went to make sure if they needed help. They
21 said no.

22 And I attempted to render aid. I
23 think I said he expired. At that time we left.
24 There was nothing to do.

1 So I gave a code of -- they call
2 it four John, which is no assistance needed. It's
3 assist -- the four part is assist other agency and
4 then the John is no further police necessary.

5 Q So you didn't have to author any
6 reports when there's a four John while you were on
7 the scene. Did you see any of the video of the
8 shooting?

9 A No. In fact, I didn't even know they
10 had squad car video. I thought they were still
11 without squad car video. I had no clue they even
12 had it.

13 Q Got you.

14 I know you mentioned that you
15 heard some officers just yell out to Van Dyke, call
16 your union rep, call your union rep.

17 A Um-hum.

18 Q Do you recall hearing any officers
19 making comments like, oh, this is a good shooting,
20 this is a bad shooting or any kind of concern about
21 the shooting?

22 A You know what, I don't remember. Like
23 I said, I was just focused on Van Dyke and making
24 sure he didn't pass out walking around.

1 Q Right.

2 A So...

3 Q You might not even know who his partner
4 was, but did you see his partner around him at that
5 time?

6 A No. Like I said, he was by himself
7 pacing back and forth; and I don't think there was
8 anybody else in the car. So...

9 Q He was just pacing behind the squad
10 car?

11 A Yeah, in front, on the passenger's
12 side.

13 Q Passenger's side?

14 A Yeah. Because I remember the car was
15 parked facing southbound on Pulaski there; and then
16 the door was opened, and he was pacing back and
17 forth there. That's when I just told him to sit
18 down in the passenger's seat.

19 Q Do you recall if he was saying anything
20 or muttering anything to himself?

21 A No. That's the thing. He was
22 breathing heavy and walking back and forth, and he
23 looked like he was in distress too.

24 Q So after you and Jeff speak and make a

1 decision like it's probably a good idea for us to
2 leave, what do you do after that?

3 A We leave. We go 10/8 from the scene.
4 We clear the scene and we went back to our beat,
5 which is Cicero and 47th.

6 Q Okay.

7 MS. ANSARI: When you were on the scene did
8 you hear anyone call an ambulance?

9 THE WITNESS: Somebody had said that an
10 ambulance was in route.

11 MS. ANSARI: Okay.

12 THE WITNESS: I heard that part, yeah.

13 MS. ANSARI: While you were there did an
14 ambulance come?

15 THE WITNESS: No. Actually, I think that's
16 why we decided to leave in the first place. Once we
17 started to see the ambulance and the fire truck show
18 up I think that's when we decided that it was time
19 for us to skedaddle.

20 MS. ANSARI: Did you and Jeff debrief after
21 you left the scene?

22 THE WITNESS: I think we met for dinner later
23 on in the night. We kind of talked about how it was
24 a messed up scene to have somebody pass away in

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1 front of us, but other than that there was no
2 official debriefing.

3 MR. BROWN: Q Nothing like this is a
4 training opportunity, hey, this is what we do if we
5 had a situation possibly similar to that?

6 THE WITNESS: A No, not that I recall. I
7 think we might have said something along those
8 lines. I don't remember. It's been almost two
9 years now.

10 Q Exactly. It's hard trying to recall at
11 this point.

12 So you did your debrief during
13 dinner. Then you resumed your normal patrol?

14 A Correct.

15 Q You didn't have to type any reports or
16 anything of that nature. Did you have to inform
17 your sergeant as to what occurred?

18 A I think we did. We informed him what
19 happened that next morning.

20 Q And did he have any particular response
21 for you?

22 A Not that I remember. I don't remember
23 exactly what his comments were.

24 Q His response definitely wasn't you need

1 to type a memo about whatever you did?

2 A No. We would have done it right then
3 and there.

4 Q Got you. Got you.

5 So after that next day what's
6 your next involvement related to the McDonald
7 shooting?

8 A The next involvement was a phone call
9 in about June or July. I think it was the end of
10 June. There was a phone call from an FBI agent.

11 Q They called you while you were at work?

12 A You know what, my sergeant had advised
13 me that he had received a call from the FBI looking
14 to talk to me, that he had given them my cell phone
15 number and I should expect a call from them.

16 Q What did they want to talk to you
17 about?

18 A The same thing as this here. They
19 wanted to know if I could come in and be interviewed
20 and talk to them about what happened.

21 And then I think we did a phone
22 interview actually, and at that time he asked me to
23 come in for a grand jury.

24 Q So you did a phone interview. Do you
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1 recall the name of the agent that did -- conducted
2 the interview?

3 A Jeff -- it's Jeff something. I don't
4 remember what his last name is.

5 Q That's okay.

6 A First name is Jeff. Because I know he
7 called Jeff too. I remember it was Jeff something.

8 MS. ANSARI: That is fine.

9 MR. BROWN: Q Generally he was asking you
10 the same questions that we're asking you, what
11 happened that night and what did you observe?

12 THE WITNESS: A Yes.

13 Q So you had a telephone interview with
14 the agent Jeff and then he asked you to come in for
15 grand jury testimony?

16 A Correct.

17 Q Did you ever have a subsequent
18 interview with Jeff, like an in-person interview?

19 A I don't think so, no.

20 The next time I met with him he
21 met me out in front of the court house to give me a
22 subpoena to come down to the grand jury.

23 Q Okay. And that was likely in July 2015
24 as well?

1 A Yeah, that was the beginning of July.

2 Q Okay. So when did you actually give
3 testimony -- the first question would be did you
4 give testimony before the grand jury?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Do you recall when that occurred?

7 A I don't remember the date.

8 Q Okay.

9 A I'm sure it's in my e-mail. If you
10 want me to look, I can find out.

11 Q Approximately, if you know.

12 A I think it was July 2nd.

13 It was right after Jeff's. What
14 was Jeff's? The 2nd or the 3rd? I think mine was
15 right after.

16 MS. ANSARI: I think he said August.

17 THE WITNESS: Maybe it was August.

18 MS. ANSARI: It was the summertime. An
19 approximation is fine.

20 THE WITNESS: Yeah, I don't -- I can look
21 back in all my stuff. I'll find it for you guys.

22 Did we get notified in July?
23 That would have been '15, right, August of 2015?

24 MS. ANSARI: Um-hum.

1 MR. BROWN: Yes.

2 THE WITNESS: I'd have to look it up on the
3 system at home.

4 MS. ANSARI: Adam, you know, that's okay.

5 The approximate dates are fine. The summer 2015 is
6 fine.

7 THE WITNESS: All right. Cool.

8 MR. BROWN: Q Did you give testimony before
9 the grand jury?

10 THE WITNESS: A Yes.

11 Q Do you recall where you gave that
12 testimony?

13 A The Dirksen building, the federal
14 Dirksen building.

15 Q Okay. Did you do any kind of
16 preparation before you gave testimony?

17 A No. They had me come in and said, all
18 right, you're up and then walked me in.

19 Q Did you read a prepared statement?

20 A No.

21 Q You just answered questions as they
22 were posed to you?

23 A Correct.

24 Q Okay. Were you shown any documents

1 while you were giving testimony?

2 A No, I don't think so.

3 Q Okay. Were you shown any video of the
4 shooting or related to the shooting?

5 A Not at that time, no. Because
6 everything came out in the news. That's why I
7 didn't even know they had cameras until it came out
8 in the news that they had all these cameras out.

9 Q Generally they were just asking your
10 observations of what occurred that night?

11 A Correct.

12 Q Without getting specific as to how you
13 answered each question is it safe to say that the
14 answers you gave to the grand jury are the same
15 answers you've given to us here today?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay. And one thing I forgot to ask
18 you. While you were still on the scene did you
19 speak to any civilians?

20 A No, no. There was no civilians there.

21 Q You don't recall seeing any civilians
22 kind of --

23 A No.

24 Q -- Milling about?

1 A No.

2 Q Got you.

3 A A sea of CPD.

4 Q So you give your grand jury testimony.

5 Do you have any, I guess, further contact related to
6 the McDonald shooting after that point?

7 A At that point nothing until it all came
8 out in the news.

9 Q Okay. Do you know what prompted that
10 news article, like how anyone learned of your
11 involvement?

12 A Allegedly when -- I mean, I don't know
13 exactly how. But allegedly the video shows our
14 squad cars, I guess, on there when we're first
15 pulling up. It shows my squad car there.

16 So -- but it's unmarked. They
17 had Sheriff's Police on it. Other than that, I have
18 no clue.

19 I know the FBI found out. I
20 think because they saw video surveillance from
21 whatever. I think the Dunkin Donuts that was right
22 there. They had video surveillance. I think that's
23 when they saw there was a Sheriff's Police car, and
24 then they further inquired as to what was going on.

1 Q Do you recall seeing yourself and Jeff
2 on one of the beat car's videos?

3 A I think the -- in the car that's right
4 in front of Laquan, when we come up there you can
5 actually see me taking out my gloves and putting
6 them on. I think in the one video you can. That's
7 the one that's big circled with me in there and
8 saying what is Cook County doing in there.

9 MS. ANSARI: Is that in the news article, you
10 actually bending down and putting on the gloves?

11 I saw the video.

12 THE WITNESS: Yeah. At the -- I know they
13 saved all the -- they had the four videos from each
14 one of the cruisers, and then they all stopped right
15 after I get there or right after I'm about to put on
16 the gloves. Then it stops. It doesn't show
17 anything else.

18 That's why I saved all the
19 articles, to see if I could see if there's anything
20 else to see me. And they give times and everything.

21 MR. BROWN: Q Okay. Right. So the article
22 comes out. Does that lead to any reports or is
23 there any kind of contact with you?

24 THE WITNESS: A That leads to -- yeah -- me

1 being contacted by the department, asking, you know,
2 why didn't you do a report this night, what
3 happened, what was going on and them asking the same
4 questions that you are.

5 Q Were your -- was your chain of command
6 aware that you had been contacted by the FBI?

7 A Sergeant Dwyer, the same sergeant was
8 the one that told me that the FBI was going to call;
9 and then once I got the subpoena I gave him a copy
10 of the subpoena so that he knows that I'm going at
11 this date and time to testify in the grand jury. So
12 he knew I was and that Jeff was going as well.

13 Q And he was aware that you eventually
14 gave testimony for the grand jury?

15 A Right.

16 Q And so you had like a conversation
17 afterwards?

18 A Yeah. After I was done I called him
19 because I think I was on duty that night. So, all
20 right, I said I'm done here, where are we meeting,
21 and I drove to wherever we were meeting at.

22 Q Were you surprised that your superiors
23 would come to you after the article comes out and
24 ask you what happened?

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1 A I get it. They were kind of -- you
2 know, they were surprised by the whole thing. Once
3 the news starts asking questions and they have no
4 answers, then they look kind of foolish. I get it.

5 But at the date and time I didn't
6 do anything. I didn't actually render aid. I think
7 I went to go try, and he expired.

8 So the only thing that the report
9 would show was that I arrived on scene, I attempted
10 to render aid, I went 10/8, and that was it. So
11 that's everything this I basically said. I'm here,
12 okay, now we're 10/8. It would be the same report.

13 I didn't think anything further
14 should have been written. There wasn't anything
15 else that I witnessed or anything else that would
16 have been detrimental to the case.

17 Q **Do you recall having any involvement in**
18 **the Cook County Sheriff's, I guess, press statement**
19 **that was issued?**

20 A They had brought me and Jeff the day
21 that it -- the day that we released -- I guess the
22 Cook County Sheriff's office released a press
23 statement. They had brought us there, and our first
24 deputy chief, Dana Wright, had questioned us along

1 with some other people that were there. Other
2 bosses, deputy chiefs, they had questioned us and
3 they were telling the news article what to say -- or
4 our media relations people or something like that.

5 Q You definitely didn't draft the press
6 release, did you?

7 A No, absolutely no. That's way out of
8 my league.

9 Q From the best of your understanding,
10 can you summarize what information you gave to Chief
11 Wright and the other deputies?

12 A They asked questions about what
13 happened that night. We told them, and they did
14 whatever they wanted on the news article.

15 Q Even after the fact, after that press
16 release were you ever asked to author a memo or any
17 kind of report?

18 A No, I don't think so.

19 Q Okay. Do you recall any changes to
20 policy occurring after the article came out?

21 A Not that I'm aware of.

22 I know that there was talk that
23 any time you're going to assist another agency that

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1 every -- we've been doing -- what do you call it --
2 um -- doing something inside of Chicago where we go
3 to the different Chicago districts. They call it a
4 Chicago initiative.

5 They brings us up in certain
6 districts, and we basically saturate that area for
7 the time being. So I know at that point that after
8 all this came out we were told by our supervisor
9 that, you know, any time you come in to contact with
10 Chicago on anything make a full written report about
11 it. I think I made two after that.

12 Q So it sounds like a policy was put in
13 place?

14 A I don't know. I don't know if an
15 actual policy came out or not. The sergeant had
16 just said just do a report every time you come in
17 contact with Chicago.

18 Q Okay.

19 A Okay.

20 Q Is that still the practice today or did
21 it kind of fall off?

22 A I have no clue. I haven't been out
23 there in a while.

24 Q As an investigator I'm guessing you're

1 not in the field as much as when you were an
2 officer?

3 A Correct.

4 Q Got you.

5 MS. ANSARI: Was there anything that the FBI
6 or State's Attorney and the grand jury -- was there
7 anything they asked that we haven't elicited today
8 or anything else you talked about besides what you
9 told us? Are we missing anything?

10 THE WITNESS: No, not that I can recall.

11 This is already a year after I testified there
12 almost.

13 MS. ANSARI: Right.

14 THE WITNESS: Not that I recall. These are
15 pretty much the same questions that they asked.

16 MS. ANSARI: Okay.

17 THE WITNESS: I remember in the grand jury --
18 for the federal grand jury there was some guy -- I'm
19 guessing it was his lawyer, Laquan McDonald's
20 lawyer. Because he was asking a bunch of questions
21 while we were there, but they were the same
22 questions that you guys are asking.

23 MS. ANSARI: Okay.

24 MR. BROWN: He was asking questions of you?

1 THE WITNESS: Yeah. There was somebody
2 there. Like I said, I assume -- the questions he
3 was asking were why didn't -- the same thing you
4 guys asked -- why didn't the other officers render
5 any aid or why didn't they help out. I don't know.
6 I don't know what their policy is.

7 MS. ANSARI: Actually I was thinking, when
8 you were down by him -- could you tell he had been
9 shot 16 times when you were down by his side?

10 THE WITNESS: No.

11 MS. ANSARI: Okay.

12 THE WITNESS: So I've been on a couple of
13 scenes wherether people are dying or there's blood.
14 There's -- the blood pool was thick. And usually
15 when there's a certain mucous that's inside it,
16 that's when you can tell it's a serious wound, it's
17 a bad wound.

18 When I kneeled down and I saw
19 that pool of blood I knew there was a serious
20 something that happened. I couldn't tell there was
21 any gun shots.

22 MS. ANSARI: Understood.

23 MR. BROWN: You saw the mucous?

24 THE WITNESS: The mucous mixed in with the

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1 blood. That's when you know it's serious. That
2 only comes out with a dying thing, at least to my
3 experience.

4 MR. BROWN: Okay. Well I think that's it.

5 Knowing what we're looking for in
6 this investigation, if you don't have anything else
7 to add that we didn't ask you, that will be it.

8 THE WITNESS: Thank you very much. I
9 appreciate it.

10 MR. BROWN: The time is now 11:51, and that
11 will conclude this interview.

12 Thank you, Adam.

13 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

14 MS. ANSARI: Thank you, Adam. We appreciate
15 it.

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